Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): There are definite formulae by which the value of the rails and the railway materials have been worked out. The Government of India have framed the formulae for all the various types of Railway materials. On those principles the Railway Company fixes the price, whether they take it themselves or sell it over.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Did the Government try to see whether the rails belonging to the Government could be sold by advertising?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Certain materials were sold like that. But it is not possible to undertake it always.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): It is not a question of undertaking. May I know whether the Government did really attempt it?

Mr. President: Yes. The original practice was for the South Indian Railway Company themselves to make the request for the unwanted materials, but later on we changed the practice. We ourselves called for sealed tenders and then we accepted them.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know whether the new practice did bring in more money than the formulae worked out by the South Indian Railway Company?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): May I know whether the price fixed by the Tramway Department was the same as those taken by the South Indian Railway Company? Was there any difference between the two?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): I want notice.

LAND-LORDS IN MATTANCHERI—AGGRESSIVENESS ON THE PART OF—PRESS REPORT REGARDING.

311. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that the supporters of the successful candidate for Ward No. 19, in the Mattancheri Municipality, are taking steps for ejecting from their land, persons who have openly voted against them;

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(*b*) have the Government seen reports of a public meeting heldat Mattancheri recently protesting against such aggressiveness on the part of land-lord candidates at the elections?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) A report was seen published in the *Gomathi*, dated 10th Thulam 1114, about a public meeting which protested against the action of some land-lords in Mattancheri in sending notices to their Verumpattom tenants to vacate their properties.

HOUSE CONSTRUCTION BY ONE THAZHEVEETIL ACHYUTAN NEAR REGISTRY OFFICE, ERNAKULAM— IRREGULARITIES IN.

312. Mr. M. L. Joseph (*Latin Christians-Cranganur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when was the plan, etc., for the construction of a house for one Thazheveetil Achyutan near the Registry Office at Ernakulam approved by the Municipality;

(*b*) was the construction begun before or after the approval of the plan, etc., by the Municipality;

(*c*) is the construction going on in conformity with the approved plan, etc.;

(*d*) is there not a rule that houses near the road-side can be constructed only 4 feet away from the road;

(*e*) what is the distance on the western side of the house and the foot-path;

(*f*) has sufficient space been left between the house and the foot-path for drainage purposes;

(*g*) will not water-flow over to the centre of the foot-path during rainy days from the house in question as it now stands;

(*h*) has anybody after the approval of the plan, etc., examined the construction in order to see that it is constructed in accordance with approved plan, etc.;

(*i*) is the construction stable enough to have such a height so that there may not be any apprehension of its collapse with consequent damages to the public road or to the nearest compound;

(*j*) if the construction in question is in violation of the provisions of the Municipal Act and Rules; what action is or proposed to be taken in the matter?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) There was no application for construction of a house from Thazheveetil Achyutan in the Ernakulam Municipality.

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